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The Honorable Prescott Bush
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Pres:

I was deeply touched by your kind remarks in the Senate on September 6th. I was abroad at the time, and did not see them until I returned a few days ago. I also appreciated your putting into the Record the excellent article from the American Legion publication.

Faithfully yours,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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think, we can hope for a restoration of the principle of comparative advantage to an important place in agricultural trade. We regard the principle of comparative advantage as calling for a reduction of European barriers against U.S. farm products.

I shall refer to one more problem, without pretending to have exhausted the list. This is what is called the problem of import competition from extremely low-wage areas where advanced technology is in use, such as Japan, Hong Kong, and perhaps India. The problem is that international trade has not adjusted to the existence of a strong comparative advantage in the production of particular items in particular areas. In the low-wage countries the average level of productivity is relatively quite low, but productivity in a few industries—textiles, cameras, transistor radios—may be nearly as high as the best in the world. There are several reasons for failure to adjust to such comparative advantages. The advantage has only recently developed in some cases. In other cases, it has only recently reemerged after the war. In many cases the adjustment has been postponed for a long time by quotas and tariffs. The problem is accentuated because some countries, and this includes the United States, have been much more liberal than others in accepting the products of these low-wage areas, with the result that the burden of adjustment is concentrated on them.

I think we cannot permanently refuse efficient producers access to our markets. The general prescription of gradualness in trade liberalization in the approach I am suggesting will ease the process of adjustment. Also if, as I suggest, trade barriers are reduced by all the members of the area the burden of adjustment will be broadly distributed and less serious for any one country. Perhaps in particular cases further measures will be temporarily needed to moderate the adjustment process. Whether this is so should be the subject of international consultation, since it is all too easy for each party to discover the need for its own protection.

Tariff Could Stimulate More Shrimp Fishing

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

HON. RALPH J. RIVERS

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 23, 1961

Mr. RIVERS of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, on August 8, the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives held a hearing on various bills, including my own H.R. 6424, which would impose a 35 percent ad valorem duty on processed shrimp and limit duty-free entry of unprocessed shrimp annually in an amount equal to imports of shrimp in 1960. Because enactment of this legislation would preserve the domestic shrimp industry and open the door to expansion of Alaska's infant shrimp industry and because I am a sponsor of this legislation, I joined other witnesses in testifying in its support.

Most people are not aware of the vast shrimp potential of the States of the Pacific Northwest. Yet, off the coasts of California, Oregon, Washington—and most particularly, Alaska—there exists a potential production which can equal or

excel the production of the Gulf and South Atlantic States. With an adequate market, Alaska's vast shrimp production capability, estimated at 100 million pounds annually, would someday be realized. Hence, it is not surprising that Alaskans take issue with those who oppose appropriate limitations on the import of foreign shrimp.

Accordingly, for the information of my colleagues, I submit a cogent editorial which appeared in the September 2 issue of the Anchorage Daily Times, and urge support of the legislation in question. The editorial follows:

TARIFF COULD STIMULATE MORE SHRIMP FISHING

Alaska's budding shrimp industry faces a bleak future if the trend in imports is allowed to continue.

The U.S. Tariff Commission apparently doesn't care. It has reported to Congress that Alaska shrimp are small in size and suitable only for canning. There is reason to believe that the commission was wrong on both counts.

Alaskans should care because shrimp resources in the coastal waters of the State have been reported tremendous.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has supported this view in reports on explorations in central Alaska, around Kodiak Island, and along the Pacific side of the Alaska Peninsula. Russian fishermen have noted the big shrimp resource in the Bering Sea. Japan is actively fishing for shrimp there. There are also shrimp in Prince William Sound and southeastern Alaska.

The Tariff Commission has taken a stand unfavorable to a quota system to protect the U.S. market from foreign imports. It has contended that a limitation would preclude development of shrimp processing for lack of adequate supplies of raw shrimp.

Without a quota, there is reason to fear that foreign imports will swamp the U.S. market with ruinous results to all American fishermen.

The domestic market has tripled since shrimp were declared duty free in 1930. In that period, domestic production has increased some, but not as rapidly as imports. Foreign nations supplied 1.8 percent of U.S. market requirements in 1931, 36 percent in 1957 and an estimated 50 percent in 1959. The number of foreign suppliers increased from 10 countries to 30, and is still rising.

Proponents of the shrimp tariff and quota bill contend that they seek a sound basis for future development. They say it will assure a stable market that will benefit both domestic and foreign suppliers.

Alaska could capture a commanding position in an important industry if her shrimp resources were developed.

Shrimp is now the most valuable seafood caught by U.S. fishermen. Operations in Alaska could produce values in excess of those in the salmon industry.

The Fish and Wildlife Service has published reports showing Alaska shrimp are plentiful and that they "tempt and tantalize the palate of the average man as well as the gourmet." Nowhere has the service corroborated the statement of the Tariff Commission that they are suitable only for canning.

Those engaged in shrimp processing and marketing have told Congress that the potential for shrimp production in Alaska "is substantially larger in pounds than the entire domestic shrimp landings in the Gulf and Atlantic fisheries combined." The Alaska catch rates and potential have been termed unequalled anywhere in the world.

Alaskans constantly talk about broadening the base for their fishing industry. They

chronicle the great resources and point to the potentials. Development of the shrimp industry has just begun.

Without tariff restrictions, Alaska shrimp will be pushed out of the market by shrimp processed in India where labor is paid from 31 to 63 cents a day, and from other countries where labor rates are low.

It would be well for the fishery leaders and State officials to make themselves heard on this point. The legislation in Congress should not be allowed to die because the Tariff Commission has erred.

Central Intelligence Agency: A Guardian of the National Security

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. PRESCOTT BUSH

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Wednesday, September 6, 1961

Mr. BUSH. Mr. President, the September issue of *Firing Line*, published by the American Legion, contains an article entitled "Central Intelligence Agency: A Guardian of Our National Security." The Central Intelligence Agency is an organization of which little is really known; but from what I know of it, as a member of the Committee on Armed Services and through my personal contact with many members of that Agency, I believe it has rendered outstanding service for the United States.

I have for 30 years known Allen Dulles, Director of the CIA, who occasionally comes under strong criticism. If something happens to go wrong, the blame is often placed upon him, as it was in the case of the Cuban invasion fiasco. From what I know of that action, I do not believe the blame belongs on his shoulders. However, he is a man who never says anything to defend himself. For that reason, he is apt to bear a large amount of unjust criticism. I rate him a brave, dedicated, and brilliant American with a long record of distinguished service to the United States.

The article about the Central Intelligence Agency, published in *Firing Line*, gives an excellent appraisal of that organization. I ask unanimous consent that it may be printed in the Appendix of the RECORD.

There being no objection, the article was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY: A GUARDIAN OF OUR NATIONAL SECURITY

A strategic bulwark in the United States life and death struggle against the increasing imperialistic threat of international Soviet communism is the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). Established in 1947 under the provisions of the National Security Act as a successor of the Central Intelligence Group, the CIA is primarily responsible for coordinating the intelligence activities of certain Federal departments and agencies in the interest of protecting the security of the Nation. Among its other important duties, CIA is charged with correlating and evaluating intelligence "relating to the national security, and provides for the appropriate dissemination of such intelligence within the Govern-

ment." Functioning in both its Washington, D.C., headquarters and in numerous farflung overseas areas, the CIA operates under the direct supervision of the National Security Council, a top-echelon Presidential advisory group.

Unlike other Government administrators, the Director of CIA has been personally vested by Congress with wide autonomous authority in managing the affairs of his organization. While the CIA is authorized by law to have access (under certain limitations) to all intelligence in the possession of the Government, it is significant to note that the Agency has no police, subpoena, law-enforcement powers, or internal security functions. Due to the extremely sensitive nature of CIA's mission, reports regarding its operations and other activities are never disclosed to the American public for obvious security reasons. An article appearing in the July 9, 1961, edition of the New York Times reported that CIA does not "confirm or deny published reports," whether accurate or inaccurate, favorable or unfavorable; "never alibis; never explains its organization; never identifies its personnel" (with certain minor exceptions); and may not under the law publicly discuss its budget, its methods of operations, or its sources of information. The news report revealed that although CIA's "activities are not subject to public inspection and review, the Agency is directly accountable to Presidential authority and control."

The American Legion has gone on record as a staunch supporter of the Central Intelligence Agency. In a strongly worded resolution adopted at its 42d national convention held in Miami Beach, Fla., in 1960, the Legion urged full continuation of the American intelligence effort in every particular deemed effective for the protection of our Nation, and expressed full confidence in the Central Intelligence Agency, for its foresight in providing for the protection of our Nation against surprise attack by our enemies. Within recent years, there has been an increasing intensified campaign on the part of the Soviet Government to discredit, and thereby, attempt to seriously weaken the effectiveness of the CIA. One of the numerous Soviet apparatuses intricately participating in the U.S.S.R.'s sinister anti-CIA campaign is the formidable Komitet Gosudarstvennoi Bezopasnosti (Committee of State Security), commonly known by its corresponding initials, KGB. As the lineal descendant of the terrorist CHEKA, OGPU, NKVD, and MGB, the powerful Soviet KGB is mainly responsible for the development of espionage and counterintelligence operations throughout the world.

In a dramatic appearance before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on June 2, 1961, CIA Assistant Director Richard Helms comprehensively outlined certain phases of the unrelenting Soviet propaganda attack against the United States and particularly the CIA. According to the scholarly presentation entitled "Communist Forgeries," the CIA official stated that the "Soviet propaganda campaign against the West grows daily more intense. It focuses on the United States, our Government, and our diplomatic, military, and intelligence services. Even before the U-2, but particularly afterwards, the Soviets began to train heavy artillery on the Director of Central Intelligence (Allen Welsh Dulles) and the CIA."

Mr. Helms disclosed that the Soviets have been utilizing so-called documentary frauds as a propaganda weapon in intensifying their cold war against the United States. The CIA official revealed that the documentary fraud devices have consisted of various kinds, including: "The false news article, the forgery, the fabricated intelligence report, the distortion of a genuine document, and the false or true account attributed to a non-existent organization." Interestingly, Assistant Director Helms testified that "the

Russians have a long tradition in the art of forgery. * * * Long before 1957 the Communists were as skillful as the Nazis in the production and exploitation of forgeries." According to CIA evaluations, "each Soviet forgery is manufactured and spread according to a plan. Each is devised and timed to mesh with other techniques of psychological warfare in support of Soviet strategy." Mr. Helms stated that CIA analysis revealed the Soviets use the forgery device for three specific purposes, namely: (1) To discredit the West generally, and the United States and its Government specifically, in the eyes of the rest of the world. (2) To sow suspicion and discord among the Western allies. (3) To drive a wedge between the peoples of nonbloc countries and their governments by fostering the line that these governments do not represent their citizens because they are the puppets of the United States.

Commenting on the aforementioned points, the CIA witness testified that the "campaigns to sell these three themes to the world are planned by the leaders of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. Staff units of the Party's Central Committee work out the details. If the plan includes forgeries, they are prepared by a Soviet or satellite intelligence service." In the course of the past 4 years, the Soviets have forged 32 documents designed to imitate communications ostensibly written by or to U.S. Government officials. Mr. David Lawrence, distinguished journalist, reported in his syndicated column appearing in the July 14, 1961, edition of the Evening Star (Washington, D.C.) that the "Soviet Union is looking forward to its biggest victory in the cold war—the possible disruption and disintegration of the CIA * * * which has for many years been a thorn in the side of international communism * * * Soviet agents look with satisfaction at the controversy they have helped to stir up in this country over the activities of the CIA. Long before the Cuban invasion episode focused attention on the CIA as a formidable opponent of Communist espionage, the effort has been underway to convince high officials of the American Government that the CIA should be split apart or weakened in its operations."

Mr. Lawrence frankly stated that the "Soviets do not, of course, work directly. They operate through intermediaries—two and three times removed * * *. Perhaps the boldest manifestation of the influences which are behind the scenes in the fight against the CIA is to be found in the demand that the Agency give an accounting to congressional committees not only of its expenditures but all of its activities."

In referring to the fact that many a hatchet job has been attempted indirectly by the Communists against J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI, Mr. Lawrence stated that "now comes a bombardment of Allen Dulles, who has directed the CIA since 1953 * * *. As the attack on the CIA develops, there should be an opportunity to find out who is financing the spread of literature inside this country attacking this all-important Agency. For if the confidence of Congress in the CIA should be weakened—the main objective of the current campaign—the Kremlin will have won a big advantage in fighting the cold war. The Communist Party, U.S.A., has been candidly hostile in condemning the CIA in recent months through the media of its key publications, the Worker, People's World, and Political Affairs. Numerous other domestic subversive organs, including the National Guardian and the Militant (weekly newspaper of the Trotskyite Socialist Workers Party), also have been supporting the Soviet line in viciously attacking the CIA and its esteemed director. The Fair Play for Cuba Committee, an extremely active Communist-front, has consistently smeared the CIA in its newsletter, Fair Play.

Marzani & Munsell, Inc., publishing house

for the Liberty Prometheus Paperback Book Club, distributed free copies of its newly released 72-glossy-page booklet "Cuba Versus the CIA" to members and supporters of the aforementioned Fair Play for Cuba Committee in June 1961. "Cuba Versus the CIA," a thoroughly distorted attack against the Central Intelligence Agency, was written by Robert E. Light, an associate editor of the National Guardian and Carl Aldo Marzani, president of Liberty Prometheus Paperback Book Club. It is interesting to note that Marzani (alias Tony Whales), an identified Communist Party official, was indicted in 1947 after termination of his employment (in an intelligence capacity) by the U.S. Department of State. Marzani was subsequently convicted for falsely denying before Federal employment officers that he was a member of the Communist Party. Appearing before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in 1953 and the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1956, Marzani repeatedly invoked the fifth amendment to the Constitution when asked about membership and activities in the Communist movement.

THE NATION MAGAZINE EXCORIATES CIA

Perhaps one of the most malicious attacks to be launched against the CIA recently emanated from the Nation, a weekly journal published by the Nation Associates, Inc., 333 Sixth Avenue, New York City. According to the Fifth Report (1949) of the California Senate Factfinding Committee on Un-American Activities, the Nation was characterized as having a long record as a liberal publication. The report stated that the Nation "cannot be described as Communist," but it is "so infiltrated with the Communist Party policy that * * * (it serves) * * * the interests of the Communists and * * * (confuses) * * * liberals on many issues, much more than do some of the Communist publications." Speaking on the floor of the House of Representatives on May 4, 1951, Congressman George A. Dondero declared that the Nation "is knowingly serving the cause of communism" and remarked that information in his possession indicated that "under the guise of being a journal of liberal opinion, the Nation is in many respects a propaganda agent of the Kremlin, especially in the key field of foreign policy."

In its 10th report (1959), the aforementioned California Senate Factfinding Committee on Un-American Activities disclosed that "there is little need for the Communist Party to finance propaganda publications when a magazine like the Nation * * * will attack the FBI, support the Communist fronts, editorialize sympathetically in behalf of witnesses that appear before legislative committees, and generally parrot the party line for nothing."

The following individuals are currently affiliated with the Nation: George G. Kirstein, publisher; Carey McWilliams, editor; Victor H. Bernstein, managing editor; Robert H. Hatch, books and the arts; Harold Clurman, theater; Maurice Grosser, art; M. L. Rosenthal, poetry; Lester Trimble, music; Alexander Werth, European correspondent; and Mary Simon, advertising manager. It is noteworthy that both Kirstein and McWilliams signed a petition to the 87th Congress in February 1961, calling for the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. McWilliams, who has served in various editorial positions on the Nation since 1945, is an identified member of the Communist Party. A supporter of over 30 Communist-front enterprises, McWilliams was formerly an organizer of a lawyers unit of the Communist Party in Los Angeles. The previously mentioned 1959 California report revealed that McWilliams "has been listed as a member of practically every major Communist-front organization that ever existed."

Justin Gray, a former employee of the American Legion national organization, in collaboration with Victor H. Bernstein, now managing editor of the Nation, published a book in 1948 called "The Inside Story of the Legion," a scurrilous piece of yellow journalism. Fred J. Cook has been a frequent contributor to the Nation. Specializing in criticizing U.S. intelligence agencies and security procedures, Cook has previously concentrated his articles in the field of attacks against Federal court convictions of Alger Hiss, and a Soviet agent, William Walter Remington (now deceased); and has written a whole special issue of the Nation on the FBI and one on the CIA. Cook's broadside attack against the CIA appeared in the entire June 24, 1961 issue of the Nation. Ironically characterized by Editor McWilliams as an "astute craftsman," Cook attacked the CIA by utilizing a mixture of distortions, innuendoes, half-truths, and statements merely based on suppositions. The thread which has run through the Nation, particularly in recent years, since McWilliams became editor, is the thread of vicious and highly biased attacks against those organizations which have been most damaging to the Communist movement, namely, the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Central Intelligence Agency.

A PRESIDENTIAL TRIBUTE TO CIA

Speaking on the occasion of the cornerstone laying at the Central Intelligence Agency's new headquarters building at Langley, Va., in November 1959, President Eisenhower declared that "by its very nature the work of this Agency demands of its members the highest order of dedication, ability, trustworthiness, and selflessness—to say nothing of the finest type of courage, whenever needed. Success cannot be advertised: failure cannot be explained. In the work of intelligence, heroes are undecorated and unsung, often even among their own fraternity. Their inspiration is rooted in patriotism—their reward can be little except the conviction that they are performing a unique and indispensable service for their country, and the knowledge that America needs and appreciates their efforts. I assure you this is indeed true. The reputation of * * * (the CIA) * * * for quality and excellence under the leadership of your Director, Mr. Allen Dulles, is a proud one."

The Honorable Eugene J. Keogh

SPEECH OF

HON. JACOB H. GILBERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 30, 1961

Mr. GILBERT. Mr. Speaker, I am most happy to join with our many colleagues who have spoken in praise of our distinguished colleague, GENE KEOGH. I extend to him my best wishes on the joyful occasion of his birthday and my hearty congratulations upon the observance of his silver anniversary as a Member of the House of Representatives.

Congressman KEOGH has achieved an enviable record of service in the House of Representatives. The people of the Ninth District of New York are fortunate in having such an able and conscientious Representative in Congress; our Nation has benefited by his ability and dedicated

service. I have enjoyed my friendship and many years of association with him.

I wish for him and his family many more years of continued happiness, good health, and all the best things which this life can afford.

The John Birch Society Is a Threat to Whom?

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. JOHN H. ROUSSELOT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 1961

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, there has come to my attention an article entitled "The John Birch Society Is a Threat to Whom?" by Dr. S. M. Draskovich.

Dr. Draskovich, a native of Yugoslavia who migrated to the United States soon after the Second World War, has intimate knowledge of Communist ruthlessness. His father, Milorad Draskovich, was assassinated for having had the Communist Party outlawed in Yugoslavia in 1920—at that time his father was a Cabinet Minister in the Yugoslav Government—and in 1944 his brother and brother-in-law were killed by the Communists.

An outstanding scholar, Dr. Draskovich has written "Tito: Moscow's Trojan Horse," a book published in 1957 by Henry Regnery Co., the thesis of which is that the break between Marshal Tito and Moscow was a complete fake and that Tito is still a trusted agent of the international Communist conspiracy.

On several occasions Dr. Draskovich has testified before committees of the Congress, and many of his articles have appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. His article "The John Birch Society Is a Threat to Whom?" is one which I believe every Member of Congress should have an opportunity to read. I, therefore, under unanimous consent, insert the article in the Appendix of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY IS A THREAT TO WHOM?

(By Dr. S. M. Draskovich)

A few weeks ago, as if an invisible hand had pushed a button of prefabricated public opinion, the liberal press in the United States opened a concerted barrage of attacks, admonitions, and warnings against a dangerous enemy. Our public opinion-makers, the experts who think for us and make decisions for us and tell us what to like and what to dislike, were up in arms. Our country was in mortal danger, our rights and liberties jeopardized, our institutions were being undermined; there was ground for the greatest concern and alarm. Forces were at work to deprive you and me and every American of all his earthly possessions earned by the toil and sweat and struggle of our forefathers and guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.

THE LIBERALS ARE WORRIED—WHY?

The superliberals, superdemocrats, superhumanists were very angry. There was no time to lose. For weeks the newspapers

were filled with reports about the terrible threat, speeches were made in the U.S. Congress, a former Vice President was interviewed, and our Attorney General looked into the matter and considered an investigation of the horrible (potential) subversives.

Now, what had caused the ire and righteous anger of our hidden political persuaders? Were they alarmed at the shocking handling of the Laos situation? Were they shocked at the U.S.S.R. launching a man into space before us? Were they shocked at the way we, with an incredible lack of responsibility, are fostering the movement for "independence" of new nations, totally unaware of the Communist machinations behind it which are making those movements tools for the spread of communism? Were they shocked by the abortive revolt in Cuba?

Are the Liberals worried because recent events have filled the American cup of bitter disappointment, humiliation, appeasement, containment, surrender, and shame to the brim?

Have the lofty liberals suddenly had enough of all the policy of weakness, retreat, and disaster of the last 8 years when:

The Vice President of the United States was insulted, spat upon and stoned during his trip through Latin America, while the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the State Department were blissfully ignorant of the conditions there;

President Eisenhower was unable to defend the American way of life from the attacks of the Soviet Marshal Zhukov, who "left me breathless" arguing that communism was better;

The Pentagon organized a scientific study of surrender of the United States in case of war;

Our Government handed on a platter the greatest possible political victory to Moscow and world communism by inviting the ruthless Communist murderer and criminal, Nikita Khrushchev, to our shores;

Our own U.S. Government confirmed—in a move of self-debasement and guilt and an admission unique in 6,000 years of recorded history—that we were practicing espionage against the Soviet Union;

Communist-led Japanese mobs prevented the President of the freest and mightiest country on earth from visiting Japan and thus inflicted on the United States a shattering loss of face throughout Asia and the world?

Or was it that our superhumanists, superliberals and superdemocrats were worried because we were suicidally continuing and increasing our aid to Tito, the most useful agent world communism ever had;

Or because we forbade our highest ranking soldiers to do their duty by warning the Nation against Communist machinations and deceit;

Or because Tito—in open contempt for Uncle Sam—was undertaking expensive trips in Africa to spread communism with U.S. dollars;

Or because the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee—probably deeming that we had not helped communism enough—approved a bill permitting increased financial and economic assistance to Communist-ruled nations;

Or because the U.S. Government recently decided to remove all barriers for the Communists to flood the United States with their propaganda literature;

Or because the world is increasingly asking itself whether the United States is really fighting Communist imperialism or helping communism and facilitating the Communist drive for world conquest;

Or because we have displayed in the case of Laos a shocking lack of wisdom, foresight, intelligence, and virility;

Or because world communism has established a beachhead 90 miles from our shores;

Or because our handling of the Cuban invasion of April 1961 has given ample material to Communist propaganda to blast the United States before the whole world as aggressors, bunglers, and weaklings;

Or because we are going from defeat to defeat, and our prestige in the world is reaching new lows as a consequence of our indecision, vacillation, and appeasement?

Is that why the public-opinion makers of the press, television, radio, and other media are so mortally worried? Is that why their ire and indignation have been so mightily aroused?

No, no, and no. Not at all.

The great danger to our United States, its institutions, people, principles, and future is—the John Birch Society.

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY IS THE THREAT

And what is the John Birch Society?

To believe the slanderers and character-assassins of long standing, it is a semi-secret, monolithic, authoritarian, totalitarian, ultrareactionary, Fascist, anti-Negro, anti-Semitic, anti-American and, oh, yes pro-Communist organization. It is allegedly outdoing Senator Joe McCarthy in its witch hunting and represents an even greater threat to the United States than the late Senator from Wisconsin. It intends to turn the United States into a Fascist hell. It is thus evident that the John Birch Society is helping communism.

However, the slanderers themselves do not believe their own stupid and base inventions. They are lying and deceiving the public, deceiving the American people about whose welfare they are so terribly concerned. For any person with even only an ounce of honesty and intelligence can very easily find out that:

The John Birch Society is not a secret, or even semisecret, organization, but an organization which works above board in every respect, calling a spade a spade and openly telling the world what it wants and is striving to achieve;

The John Birch Society, being thoroughly and unconditionally American, is against any and all discrimination based on creed, race, color, or national origin;

The John Birch Society, being thoroughly American, is striving to rally Americans of any creed, color, racial, and national origin to the defense of our greatest common good—the United States of America—against all foreign and domestic enemies;

The John Birch Society is not trying to destroy, but to restore, the basic principles of the U.S. Constitution;

The John Birch Society is most strongly and staunchly against communism and the Communists not only in its intents, but in its actions and effective work.

Then why the hysterical outburst of venom, the hypocritically indignant outcry? Why the vicious witch hunting against the John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch?

Why? Precisely because of what they are and what they are trying to do. The John Birch Society is hitting the Communists and their helpers hard, very hard. That must be stopped, because it goes deeply and irreconcilably against the policy of appeasement, containment, weakness, coexistence, peace at any price, unilateral nuclear disarmament, and surrender, which has been practiced so long and on which the strength and influence of the Teheran, Yalta, Potsdam, Geneva, Camp David, and Cuba "experts" have been based.

Obviously, the gulf between the John Birch Society and the "experts" is too big to be bridged. The "experts" feel that with our moral and political positions crumbling in the whole world and the Communists winning everywhere, everything is going fine.

So anybody who is disturbing the march of communism and trying to prevent the downfall of the United States should be indicted and immediately sentenced as subversive, unpatriotic, dangerous, ultraconservative Fascists—and made inoffensive.

The position of the John Birch Society is the opposite. Its founder, its members, and its many friends feel that the present course is a course of disaster and that all the best energies of the American people should be mobilized to reverse that course, remove the incompetent, stop the traitors, and bring about a rule of responsibility, honesty, firmness, and patriotic dedication in this country.

The basic fact which explains the creation and rise of the John Birch Society is that the American people are sick and tired of defeatism, humiliation, incompetence, surrender, and treason.

The history and rise of the John Birch Society is the history of the revolted, misinformed, deceived, abused, angry American. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE SICK AND TIRED OF—

The American people are sick and tired of irresponsibility, of shocking indifference and moral callousness, of incompetence in high places, and permanent and unchangeable poor judgment concerning the task and responsibilities of the United States.

They are sick and tired of hearing all the time, while the United States is going down and losing all the battles of the cold war, that nobody is responsible, that nothing could be done, that nobody is guilty, that responsible people who acted irresponsibly are not to be blamed or taken to task or tried before the court of U.S. public opinion.

They are sick and tired of hearing all the time that in every important case and question involving the vital interests of the United States, there was nobody to take care of them, or that there was simply an "error of judgment," or that the disastrous course of our national affairs and the catastrophic deterioration of our positions in the world could not be prevented.

The American people are sick and tired of the policy of the double standard, always used against the national interests of the United States, and in favor of its mortal enemies—who never tire of proclaiming their deepest contempt for all the achievements and institutions of the United States and the principles upon which it was built.

They are sick and tired of the perverting of all our traditions, principles, ideals, and standards, leading us to believe that the mortal enemies of the United States are in Little Rock, but never permitting us to recognize any mortal enemy of America in Moscow or Peking.

They are sick and tired of the dishonesty and duplicity of our liberals who are deeply upset and hysterically alarmed whenever anybody defends the United States or endeavors to alert his fellow Americans to stop the treasonable machinations of the Communists and their helpers, but who are perfectly serene and indifferent when the Communists and their helpers are destroying America by destroying its political positions, moral fiber, principles, beliefs, and foundations.

The American people are sick and tired of the shamelessness of our one-worlders who are always deeply concerned about the fate of the world and mankind, but who never give the slightest thought to the fate and future of the United States.

They are sick and tired of being told that the march of mankind always somehow works in favor of the Communists and necessarily against our own U.S. national interests.

They are—in one word—sick and tired of being told from high places that the policy of weakness, appeasement, and surrender is the only possible U.S. policy and that the final defeat of the United States—through

the erosion of its morale, the confusion of its mind, and the progressing paralysis of its will to fight and survive—is unavoidable.

And being sick and tired, the American people are no longer willing to be told to shut up and leave it to the "experts." They are asking questions, more and more, which they want answered. And these answers must be in favor of, not against, the national interests of the United States.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE EXPECT THE RAMPARTS OF THE UNITED STATES TO BE WATCHED

What is at stake is the basic principle of free society, of the United States, of our American way of life; it is the basic principle of any civilized society—the principle of public responsibility. If our ramparts are being watched, then we cannot be going down all the time. If, however, we are going down all the time, it obviously means that our ramparts are not being watched. And the American people can no longer tolerate that situation. If they pay taxes, fulfill their obligations, go to war and give their lives for their country, and if they elect their representatives to run the country for the common good, they expect those representatives to do their duty and watch the ramparts of the United States of America.

That is what the John Birch Society is all about. And that is why the hidden opinion-makers are so worried. If the John Birch Society were a narrow sect, Fascist, anti-Negro, anti-Semitic, reactionary, etc., the "experts" would not give it a second thought. But the John Birch Society is neither led by nor composed of crackpots; it is not a sect of reactionary extremists, trembling over its vested interests.

No, the John Birch Society is much, much bigger. It doesn't speak for a small, exclusive group. Its "vested interests" are those of the United States. It expresses and echoes the feelings and disappointments and frustrations and hopes and dreams and will of the American people. That is why the super-democrats, super-liberals, super-humanists, the surrenderers (from Yalta to Cuba and Laos), the one-worlders are so concerned and alarmed. They feel that they can no longer "carry on as usual," as during World War II and after World War II, and step unhindered from defeat to defeat and from surrender to surrender.

In World War II and the Korean war over 300,000 Americans were killed and many thousands more were wounded and mutilated. For what? For freedom, for the good of the American people, for a better future and a better world? No. For the spread of communism, which enslaved 300 million more people and is advancing constantly and being helped and financed by the United States.

This basic, incredibly shocking, nightmarish situation will not go away because of any Liberal, antifascist or progressive witch-hunting of patriots, or the shameless anti-anticommunism of our super-humanists, or their intimidation, character-assassination, and wild accusations against anybody who dares ask questions and insist on answers.

Our hidden political persuaders; our "experts"; the masters of our minds, will, fate, and future would like us to be just nice boys and girls, read their newspapers and magazines, watch their TV programs, listen to their radio broadcasts, attend to our own private business, and leave it to them to make all the decisions for us and carry the United States to its grave for Nikita Khrushchev.

But it is later than they think. The era of silence for the American people is over. The American people are not feeble-minded; they are not a bunch of minors who need liberal guidance and one-world nurses to do everything for them. The American people are mature enough to take their affairs in their own hands. And they mean to do so.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

Attached is an extract from the Congressional Record of 6 September containing the remarks of Senator Bush when he placed into the Record a copy of the American Legion issue of Firing Line entitled "Central Intelligence Agency: A Guardian of the National Security." While Senator Bush placed this item in the Record at our request, his personal remarks were unsolicited. While I feel it would not be appropriate for you to write to the Senator, I suggest that you call him and thank him for placing this item in the Record and for his very complimentary remarks.

15 September 1961
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